Sri K. DOOMAPPA.—Sir, will the Government be pleased to give the present stock of salt ?

†Sri N. RACHAIAH.—That question does not arise, because this question partains to last year.

Sri K. DOOMAPPA.—Will the Government consider the question of supplying adequate salt this year ?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—The Government will consider the question of upplying adequate salt to fishermen.

Sri K. DOOMAPPA.—In view of the delay involved in the S.P.C. is it not advisable to entrust the Director with the power of purchasing and supplying salt in tne open market by inviting tenders ?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—It is a suggestion which the Government will examine.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Sir, I find the Hon'ble Minister has furnished the information only with regard to the South Kanara fish curing yards, whereas the question pertains to the fish curing yards of West Coast. May I know why information is not furnished with regard to fish curing yards that are in North Kanara District ?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—The question pertains to both North Kanara and South Kanara Districts. About 30 fish curing yards are in North Kanara and about an equal number are in South Kanara. The question is, which are the curing yards where there was no salt. In the case of North Kanara District, there was no such difficulty experienced by curers.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Was it not possible to transport some stock of salt from one curing yard if there was surplus to the other ?

Sri N. RACHAIAH.—That entire Yard arrangement had already been made. This was the difficulty where the supply from original stores was not possible.

CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN THE MALNAD AREAS OF BELGAUM DISTRICT

*Q.—617. Sri N. O. SAMAJI (Belgaum II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that a meeting of the Legislatures and the concerned Government officials was held to discuss about the construction of roads and other Schemes in the Malnad area of Belgaum District ;

(*b*) the suggestions made in the said meeting ;

(*c*) the number of such suggestions accepted by Government ;

(*d*) the action Government intend to take in that matter ?

A.—Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes, two meetings were held.

(*b*) The suggestions are regarding—

(i) Formation of certain new roads.

(ii) Improvements to certain existing roads and minor C. D. Works.

(iii) Construction of certain Major C. D. Works.

(*c*) and (*d*) 76 miles of road for improvements, 12 miles of road for formation and 5 major C. D. Works in Malnad area have been taken up for construction under communication programmes and the works are in progress.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—What are the works that were suggested at this meeting?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—The Committee decided upon a number of works; It comprises road formation, improvement and construction of C. D. Works. I have a long list before me. I can make the list available to the Hon'ble Members.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether the Government have taken up the works as decided by that Committee giving priority that was decided by the Committee?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—The committee decided upon the number of works to be taken up and the Engineering Department have been taking up the works. As has been replied to (*c*) and (*d*), we have already tackled about 76 miles of road for improvements, 12 miles of road for original formation and five important cross drainage works.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether the priority decided by the Committee is being followed by the Government or the Government is doing it without looking to the priority.

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—As far as possible, it has been tried to be adopted.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—There are some works which were given top priority by this Committee; but they have not yet been taken up by the Government.

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—We have been taking up works as and when funds are made available to us.

Sri N. O. SAMAJI.—(*Marathi*).

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know which are the major C. D. Works which are being taken up?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—As I mentioned, it is a long list of works. I can make the list available to the Hon'ble Members.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—What are those five works?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I will read the names. Construction of a bridge across Malaprabha river near Nagurda Zambothi Road. Plans under preparation. (ii) Construction of high level causeway on Dastikopp Bagewad Road near Sigehalli in Belagum District. Construction work in full swing. (iii) Construction of a bridge across Tatrinala. Work in progress. (iv) Construction of a bridge across Malaprabha river near Parishwad–Zombothi Road–Work to be completed by next monsoon. (v) Construction of a bridge across Malaprabha river on Asoka approach Road. Work under completion.

FORMATION OF THE KUSHTAGI-KYADIGUPPA ROAD IN RAICHUR DISTRICT

*Q.—656. Sri E. PUNDLIKAPPA (Kushtagi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the work of the formation of the Kushtagi-Kyadiguppa road in Raichur District was commenced.

(*b*) the period stipulated to the contractor for completing the work, in the first instance;

(*c*) the number of times the period was extended together with the reasons therefor;

(*d*) the period stipulated for completing the work at present?

A.— Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Earth work in 1947 as a scarcity relief work. Balance work through contract in February 1956.

(*b*) & (*c*) The period stipulated to the contractor was up to 31st January 1958, in the first instance as per agreement bond. After this the date was extended to 31st January 1961.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration. It is proposed to ensure the completion of the work by December 1962.

ಶ್ರೀ ಈ. ಪುಂಡಲೀಕಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕೆಲಸ 1956ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂಜೂರು ಆಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಇಷ್ಟು ನಿಧಾನವಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎನ್. ನಾಗನೂರ್.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಧಾನವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪುರೇ ಬೇಕು. ಮೊದಲಿನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸಲ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಬೇರೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಯಿತು. ಆದರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾರೂ ಬರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಮೊದಲಿನ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಅವರನ್ನೇ ಮನ ಪೊಲಿಸಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. 1962ನೇ ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮುಗಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಚನೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ ಈ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಗಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಅನಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.